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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Open for discussion on the Bromm amendment. There are no lights on, Senator Bromm. Did you wish to close? He waives his opportunity to close on AM3657. Question before the body is adoption of AM3657 to LB 994. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the Bromm amendment to LB 994. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM3657 was adopted.

CLERK: Senator Landis would move to amend, AM3720. (Legislative Journal pages 1693-1697.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis to open on AM3720 to LB 994.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to make an offer of an amendment that was LB 1137 passed out of the Revenue Committee unanimously. It's a very modest bill, but it reflects a couple of places in Nebraska, Norfolk being one of the ones that I know about, in which there is an off-street parking district. Their downtown usually, they are a self taxing district. And the way current law goes, for example, in Norfolk, the entire city's levy is 22 cents, but the parking district which is downtown is about six blocks long and about three blocks over, they have self assessed at 30 cents, their levy. But according to current law, the levy for the entire city then is 52 cents. The 22 cents in the entire city plus the 30 cents that this small little downtown parking district has, and for our purposes then, the city's levy is 52 cents. What this amendment says is you take that small downtown area, and you treat it as a proportional amount so that the tax will be counted in the allocation by the city proportionately by dividing the total taxable valuation of the taxable property within the district by the total taxable valuation of the taxable property within the city multiplied by the levy of the district. In other words, what is the levy of Norfolk? Well, it's 22 cents plus whatever the impact of having